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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Election (04 Oct 04).
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 and 21-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 4-6, 11, 15-17, 24-26 and 28 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3, 8-10, 14, 21-23 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 7, 12 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>19 Sep 01</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP-05-284513 .

In considering claims 1-3, 8-10, 21-23

JP-53-119823 discloses a degaussing coil attaching tool 4 Fig 1 which comprises a section having a similar shape to the funnel of the CRT which holds the CRT from a rear side (Fig 2). Regarding the ribbed limitation the tool 4 includes various various openings/perforations thus meeting the limitation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 14 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-05-284513.

In considering claims 14 and 27,

JP-05-284513 does not explicitly recite a front panel attached to a screen surface side of the CRT, however conventionally front panels are attached to a screen surface side of the CRT in order to display the image on a screen generated by the CRT.

Thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" regarding such a front panel.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify JP-05-284513 which discloses a CRT which is enclosed via a rear supporting section, by also attaching the front panel to a screen surface side of the CRT in order to display the projected image.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—please see cited references on attached form PTO-892.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (703) 305-9871. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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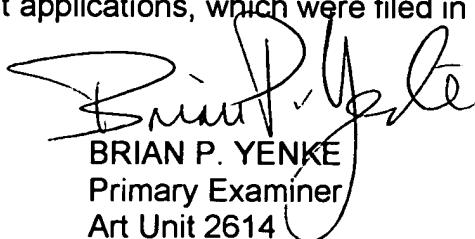
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